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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Materiel, OSA  
Comptroller, OSA  
Contracts Management Division, OSA

SUBJECT: OXCART Phase Out: Accountability

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1. I am worried lest the numerous and sundry pressures relating to [ ] phase out and turnover of supplies, equipments, facilities, etc. place us in a position of failing to keep up with proper accountability records regarding equipment, property, et al to be transferred to the SR-71 program, depot or elsewhere. Since the OXCART program inception we have been particularly careful to insure preparation of proper and timely paper work to satisfy checks and balances, and audit requirements. It behooves us all to be doubly watchful during phase out to insure that proper accountability records are maintained. It goes without saying that millions of dollars are involved. If necessary, this aspect of the field operation should receive augmented assistance and supervision as required to do a proper job in the coming months. In any event we must be prepared to cope with the necessary documentation and accountability paper work, in the face of a fast moving situation, to assure proper controls at all levels.

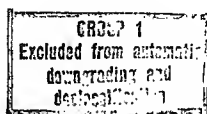
2. It would be a good idea if the Comptroller, Finance, Materiel, Contracts Management Division and its auditors, as necessary, get together as soon as possible to take a look at this situation to see that appropriate procedures and instructions to the field are clearly established and understood and that proper management controls exist. I am particularly worried about items falling through the cracks during the downstream hectic transfer of supplies and equipment in the field to the SR-71 program.

3. After your meetings on this topic, I would appreciate an early briefing of the Director and Deputy Director of Special Activities regarding this matter.

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